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LAWYER STORRS says he is sick of being interviewed about the Babcock business.

The first train on the Narrow Gauge railroad from Malvern to Hot Springs, arrived at the springs on Monday last.

The Memphis dispatch advises Southern farmers to plant more corn and less cotton this year than they have in former years.

The State fair is to be a highly moral institution this fall. The State Board of Agriculture announces that there will be no premiums for horse racing.

SENATOR LOGAN does not hesitate to say that the late treasury exhibit, in his opinion, postpones specie resumption indefinitely. Senator Oglesby denounces the whole matter as "poppy-cock," and says we are not near resumption now as we were a year ago.

The public records of the District of Columbia show that from May, 1870, to April, 1874, Orville E. Babcock purchased real estate to the value of ninety thousand dollars. This poor young man evidently had a great deal of faith in his own resources or somebody else's.

ANDREW JACKSON WHITTHORNE. Old Admiral Whitthorne has something of the spirit of Andrew Jackson about him. When Secretary Robeson showed a disposition to avoid answering the questions put to him by the investigating committee, the admiral concluded to call on Robeson and take soundings. He found Robeson angry and declaring that "he would not be pestered by a confederate congress. Whitthorne begged him to be calm. He showed his sympathy for him in his distress, but went on to say that heretofore the committee had treated the secretary with courtesy. He understood the amenities between cabinet officers and congressmen, and had scrupulously followed out the most rigid line of courtesy, but (and here the admiral's eyes flashed threateningly) "I give you warning, Mr. Secretary, that we are in earnest, and if you attempt any further blocking of the operations of the committee, I shall call you before the house and have you judged, by the living God!"

This Jacksonian reply had an immediate effect on the secretary and he promised to answer the questions of the committee at an early day.

A BANK ADMINISTRATION. Minister Schenck will start from London for the United States to-day. He comes to testify concerning the Emma Mine swindle, and to swear himself clear of the charge of being "a capper" and "roper" in a bogus mining speculation, and of gambling at cards in order to cover the expenses incurred by fashionable profligacy." Secretary of War Belknap has been, during the past week, before the Committee on Expenditures of the War Department to answer the charges of certain dishonorable transactions in post-trader-ships, and the astounding result of the investigation has just been made public. Attorney General Pierpont stands charged with a grave dereliction of duty in the matter of the Babcock trial. President Grant sends his messages to Congress by the hands of Gen. Babcock, a man whom ninetenths of the reading people of the country believe to be guilty of the crime of deliberately and systematically robbing the government. How does the make-up of the government household strike the people of the United States? Such a spectacle has never before been presented to the people of this country. Rotten does not begin to express the condition of President Grant's administration circle at this time. "It smells to heaven." It hurts, or ought to hurt, the pride of every honest American citizen that he is compelled to witness it in this Centennial year.

MRS. BELKNAP. The remarkable revelations concerning the operations of Secretary Belknap and his wife, as published in another column, reveal a picture of the social life of Washington almost sickening in its significance. Mrs. Secretary Belknap has been one of the foremost ladies of the Capital. Her dress, her house, her manners, her beauty, have been the theme of many a glowing paragraph from the pens of the circle of fashion and society, and ter-writers congregated in Washington City. She was one of the social autocrats, admired, envied, and flattered. It is less than a week since it was told in one of these Washington letters how "Mrs. Belknap had 'set the fashion' of having the little people in the parlors on reception days, by having her charming baby held by her side in the arms of a nurse, and how her maternal pride was gratified by his praiseworthy beauty." And this adorned lady, this loving mother, this proud wife, was the evil genius of her husband—the spirit which fired him to his destruction, which is here also. This crime has long been concealed—the fall is sudden, ignominious and irreparable. Could there be a sharper commentary upon the reckless extravagance, the wasteful profligacy which has characterized the habits and dress of the social society in Washington during the last decade?

POLITICAL NOTES.—Springfield Republican: It is the first time a national convention has gone across the Mississippi. "Westward, the star," etc. We Yankees may as well accept the situation first as last.

—Atchison Champion: "If New York desires to throw away her vote in casting a complimentary ballot for Roseoe, nobody will object. But it seems like a foolish waste of raw material. The gizzard of the country, so to speak, is not troubled with any overpowering affection for the senator from New York. He is too peaceably to suit the masses. He has brains, but he soars into the empyrean and stays there, high above ordinary mortals. A man whose serenity of temper is destroyed, and whose digestion is seriously impaired because he gets a little mud on his boots, stands very little chance in this age of reaching the Presidency. And this is what troubles Conkling. He is too persistently and promiscuously blithely."

EDITORIAL NOTES.—Wild flowers are blooming on the prairie of Ellis county, Texas, and ripe numberies are plentiful.

—Julius Arpentony was convicted of murder in the second degree at Monroe, Mich., on Wednesday morning, for the murder of his wife last fall.

—At a Catholic church fair, held at Champaign for five days during the past week, the net income in cash amounted to \$1,912.29.

—Silver ore exists in Mason county, Texas, in paying quantities. Over 100,000 acres of land have been located in that county in the last three months. Two shafts are already sunk, and one is yielding eighteen dollars to the ton.

—A shooting affray between two men named Tom Burke and Hugh McGrogan occurred in Jacksonville on Wednesday, which it is thought will end in the death of the latter.

—Mr. Knowles, of Peoria, collector of revenue for the Fifth district, reports his collections for the month of February at \$546,708.77, against \$422,000 for the corresponding month of last year.

—Two New Orleans detectives, named Davenport and Harris, who have been nursing an old feud for some time, had a final settlement on Wednesday, which came to an end by Davenport killing Harris.

—Young girls," says Jennie June, "like the opportunity Lent affords them of getting themselves up in entirely different style, and think it looks foreign and romantic to wear black, and go out in the morning to church, just as the young men are going down town."

—The revival epidemic has reached Rockford, and there is great excitement there. The laborers in the vicinity have become so much interested that they spend the time allowed for their noon-day meal in praying instead of eating, which is beneficial to the pocket as well as to the soul.

—Five hundred and seventy-one persons contributed \$75,705 for the relief of the Mill River, Mass., sufferers, of which \$25,020 was paid out by the relief committee, and \$20,223 directly by the treasurer at the order of the financial committee. The expenses of the trust have been \$20, including \$5 for clerk hire, leaving \$839, which is now drawing interest.

—A man named Harris, who was employed by a rich farmer near Galena to work on his farm as a laborer, recently eloped with the old gentleman's daughter. The farmer had Harris hunted up and arrested for perjury, but he couldn't prove the charge true and Harris was discharged. Harris then sued the old farmer for \$10,000 damages, and now they are about to compromise with the understanding that the father-in-law is to keep his money, and give Harris his daughter with his blessing.

—Washington dispatch to the Chicago Post and Mail: All dispatches and the Opposition papers to the contrary notwithstanding, the Black Hills are practically open to settlement. The Indians have repeatedly violated the treaty, and forfeited the right to the reservation, and the failure of the Indian Reservation bill in the senate, is equivalent to a refusal of congress to instruct the war department to drive off settlers. It is understood the Sioux will be moved to the Indian Territory.

—The Grayville Independent has an obituary poet who throws George Washington Childs into the shade. Hear him:

World's on worlds, and suns on suns
Most terrible to behold,
I saw them in a day's dream
And I saw a demon of gold.

I slept, and lo! the scene was changed
And viewing on the whole,
Where had seen the wondrous things
I saw an infant's soul.

A golden heap was in its hand
As through the courts it flew,
To where the infant spirits dwell
In bliss forever new.

—The Sioux Indians, who have been showing some hostility to the whites in the neighborhood of the Platte and Laramie rivers are about to get their desire. An expedition consisting of ten companies of cavalry, two of infantry, twenty-five scouts, one hundred and fifty teamsters and packers, rationed for six weeks, and conveyed by eighty wagons and four hundred pack mules, left Fort Fetterman on Wednesday morning, accompanied by Gen. Cook, who has determined to do a big amount of killing, or subdue them.

—Harvey E. Walton, a man about thirty years of age, who recently "got religion" in Detroit, came to the conclusion that he would confess all his sins openly and above board, in the belief that he should do so, and make restitution for whatever crimes he has committed. Accordingly, he set to work and told a story of house and barn burning, stealing and other crimes that would fill a book. He has gone to people from whom he claims he has stolen money, and paid them the amount he took, and in fact he has made an example of himself that is not likely to be followed by religious converts.

WASHINGTON.

A Tremendous Sensation at the National Capital.

Astounding Revelations Concerning Secretary Belknap.

The Sale of Appointments for Cash in Hand.

Belknap Acknowledges the Crime and Resigns.

His Resignation Accepted by the President.

Articles of Impeachment in Course of Preparation.

Mrs. Belknap Responsible for Her Husband's Crime.

She Receives Ten Thousand Dollars for Securing a Single Appointment.

(Special to the St. Louis Republican.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—The most intense excitement exists over revelations regarding Secretary Belknap, which became known here at an early hour, although the morning papers had no allusion to the matter. All kinds of rumors are about, and it is difficult to get at the exact truth, but the following is authentic: A Mr. Marsh told the committee on expenditures of the war department that he had paid Mrs. Belknap \$10,000 for a post-trader's license, and agreed to pay her \$3,000 annually, which he has done. This startling exposure was communicated to Secretary Belknap, and before he could appear before the committee the story was true, and he desired to get at the exact truth, but the following is authentic: A Mr. Marsh told the committee on expenditures of the war department that he had paid Mrs. Belknap \$10,000 for a post-trader's license, and agreed to pay her \$3,000 annually, which he has done. 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